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SUBJECT: ANDERSON/WHITTEN COLUMN AUGUST 30 RE US/MEXICAN
NARCOTICS INCIDENT

1. THE FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN THE JACK ANDERSON-LES
WHITTEN COLUMN AUGUST 30, WASHINGTON POST:

"MEXICAN AMBUSH -- CHARGES, IN A SOON TO BE PUBLISHED BOOK,
OF GROSS COWARDICE BY A MEXICAN NARCOTICS OFFICER MAY HAVE
SOME UNHAPPY EFFECTS ON MEXICAN/US RELATIONS.

IN 'THE DRUGGED NATION,' FORMER NO. 2 FEDERAL NARCOTICS
CHIEF JOHN FINLATOR DETAILS HOW MEXICAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS
AMBUSHED A JOINT MEXICAN/US ANTI-DRUG TEAM. DURING THE
GUNFIGHT FINLATOR WRITES, 'A MEXICAN OFFICER...HAD FROZEN
STIFF IN FRIGHT' OVER THE TEAM'S MACHINE GUN. 'HE WAS
TOTALLY INCAPACITATED. HE WAS SHAKING.' FINLATOR QUOTES AN
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AMERICAN TEAM MEMBER WHO CONCEDED HE WOULD BE IN TROUBLE WITH

THE STATE DEPARTMENT IF HE TOOK OVER THE MEXICAN'S JOB AND
KILLED THE TRAFFICKERS ON MEXICAN SOIL: 'T'LL BE MY A-- IF
I DO OR MY LIFE IF I DON'T. 'SO, TO SAVE HIMSELF AND THE REST
OF THE TEAM, THE AMERICAN KILLED FIVE OF THE DRUG RUNNERS.

THE INCIDENT HAS BEEN HUSHED UP UNTIL NOW BY OTHER MEXICANS
ON THE MISSION, FINLATOR TOLD US. THE US AGENT, WHOSE NAME
FINLATOR REFUSES TO REVEAL, IS STILL WORKING IN THE GOVERN-
MENT." ROGERS

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